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In re Application of:

WOLFGANG BRIXIUS et al.

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For: TRANSPORT SYSTEM FOR ADVANCING CONTAINERS, AND CURVE SECTION OF SUCH A TRANSPORT SYSTEM

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following reference A) to C). Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

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| A) | Europe | EP 1 094 018 A1 | De Gooyer et al. | 09-28-2000 | | |
| B) | France | 2 705 327 | Ouvré et al. | 11-25-1994 | | |
| C) | France | 2 776 641 | Gueguen | 10-01-1999 | | |

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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In addition, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

Reference B) describes a flexible and deformable membrane which can be

fitted on existing carriages (1), which are entrained by the belt (2) of a conveyor by

way of a means (5) along a closed trajectory by means of positive guiding, in order

to enable the carriages to negotiate the convex inflections of the drums (8) of the

said conveyor without becoming detached from the belt. The device includes at

least one belt conveyor entraining and guiding one or more carriages by way of a

means specific to each carriage.

Reference C) describes an installation for the independent transfer of trays

(22) having a continuous guide track comprising two lateral runners (30). The tray

opposite edges (B1,B3) are received between the runners and the trays are

supported on a continuous central driving support (28). Each tray is a square

plate (38) which is supported by its lower surface (42) on the central support and

has along its edges vertical holes (T12,T23,T34,T41). The installation includes a

telescopic peg which moves vertically between a low retracted position in which its

upper free end face is located under the tray lower face, and a top outlet position

in which its upper free end section is received in one of the tray holes

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention

patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application

is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted

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